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1. KORBUT 11 NOVEMBER CONFIRMED THAT NOVIKOV AND LEVCHENKO
PLANNING TRAVEL 16 NOVEMBER ON SU-311. REF B IS VISA MESSAGE.

2. COMMENT. AS NOTED REF C, PARA 4, EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSED VISA
PROCUREMENT FOR SOVDEL WITH KORBUT 30 OCTOBER. VISA REQUEST
FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARRIVED AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON
6 NOVEMBER (JUST BEFORE SOVIET HOLIDAY). ETD FOR SOVDEL WAS
LISTED AS 30 RPT 30 NOVEMBER, AND VISA SUPPORT INFORMATION
WAS SCANTY. WHILE CONSOFF WAS CHECKING WITH SCIENCE OFFICER
RE SPONSORSHIP DATA, LATTER POINTED OUT CORRECT ETD DELEGATION
NOVEMBER 16.

WHEN QUESTIONED ON THIS MATTER, KORBUT SAID THAT SHE
HAD, AS REQUESTED BY EMBOFF 30 OCTOBER, EXPLAINED TO MFA THAT
THEY MUST PUT CORRECT ETD ON NOTE.

3. EMBOFF HAS IMPRESSED UPON KORBUT THAT THIS KIND OF MFA
PROCEDURE (WHICH ALSO OCCURRED FOR A TRANSPORTATION DELEGATION
IN THE FALL) CAUSES MUCH UNNECESSARY WORK ON BOTH SIDES AND
CAN DELAY DELEGATIONS. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT 16 NOVEMBER IS
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LATEST ACCEPTABLE STARTING DATE FOR VISIT, THIS DELEGATION WOULD

INDEED HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

4. EMBOFF HAS INFORMED KORBUT THAT, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING WITH VISA CLEARANCE PROCESS (I.E., REF B), MFA MUST PROVIDE CORRECTED NOTE BEFORE VISAS ARE IN FACT ISSUED. KORBUT AGREED TO PRESS THIS POINT WITH MFA.

5. FYI. EMBASSY PLANS IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS WITH MFA GENERAL PROCEDURES ON VISA REQUESTS, AND THIS CASE WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED.

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